MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over. Now Papers to be laid on the Table.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Special Riot Force

*64. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal was under the consideration of Government to constitute a Special Riot Force to fight Communal riots; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideration.

Boundary disputes between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh

*65. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the long pending boundary dispute between Assam and Arunachal Pradesh has not been settled so far;

(b) if so, what are the issues involved;

(c) whether the Government propose to constitute any boundary commission to settle the dispute; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (d) Approx. 320 Kms. length of Assam-Arunachal Pradesh . boundary has not been demarcated so for as the Government of Arunachal Pradesh dispute the very rationale behind the 1951 notification, by which certain plain areas of the then NEFA, were excluded from it. The Assam Government filed a suit in the Supreme Court regarding this issue in 1989. The matter is *sub judice* and there is no proposal to constitute any boundary commission on this issue.

Setting up of Broadcasting centre by the voice of America in Sri Lanka

*66. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent reports published in a section of the Press that the voice of America is setting up a powerful broadcasting centre at Chilai, fifty kilometres from Colombo in Sri Lanka; if so; what is Government reaction thereto;

(b) what steps Government propose to take to safeguard India's interests; and

(c) whether Government have contacted the Sri Lankan Government in this connection, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government have taken up the matter with the Government of Sri Lanka in order to ensure that such facilities are used for public broadcast only.

LTTE activities in Tamil Nadu

*67. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether LTTE activities in Tamil Nadu have increased during the last few months; and

(a if so, whether the Central and the State Governments have exchanged views and propose to draw any plan to combat their activities there?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Activities of LTTE in Tamil Nadu are continuing to cause

concern. The Central Government and the State Government are in constant touch in this regard and all necessary assistance is being provided to the State Government, to combat the LTTE activities in Tamil Nadu.

Transfer of amount to Andhra Pradesh under the Central Road Fund

*68. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount accrued under the Central Road Fund as per the new guidelines for transfer to Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of the proposals of Andhra Pradesh Government under Central Road Fund scheme sent to the Central Government; ond

(c) what steps are being taken to clear these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There has been no augmentation so far of the Central Road Fund as per the revised formula incorporated in the Resolution passed by both Houses of Parliament in May, 1988.

(b) A total number of 398 schemes costing Rs. 276.17 crores has been proposed by Andhra Pradesh under Central Road Fund for the 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) As actual augmentation of Central Road Fund against which the proposals were invited has not yet taken place, all the proposals have not been processed for approval as yet. However, two schemes costing Rs. 3 crores were approved on 14-6-1990 against progressive likely accruals till 31-3-1995 as per the old Central Road Fund Scheme.

Pressler amendment passed by the US Senate

*69. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Senate has passed Pressler Amendment to include India; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Governments reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Creation of Special News Agency by Pakistan to deal with Kashmir

*70. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Patriot of 27th June, 1991, to the effect that Pak Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has created a special news agency to deal with Kashmir affairs as part of a media plan to project Pakistan's viewpoint on Kashmir, for spreading disinformation on Kashmir and internationalising the Kashmir problem, by stage-managing video and film sequences in POK; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have been taking and will continue to take measures to counter such propaganda and project the correct picture to all concerned